

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

1 A hermetic seal functions as a closure between opposite ends of the coupling
2 by combining a metal sleeve and an elastomer sleeve extension. The metal sleeve is
3 sealingly attached to the outer surface of one end of the coupling and the elastomer
4 sleeve, sealingly attached to the metal sleeve, is attached at the distal end to the
5 other end of the coupling. As an alternative, the distal end may be bonded to a
6 second metal sleeve sealingly attached to the other end of the coupling. The seal may
7 be convoluted, with multiple convolutions.